

## State Water Resources Control Board

August 31, 2017

(Via email and Certified Mail)

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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION; UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SYSTEM  
LOCATED AT TAHOE FOREST HOSPITAL, 10121 PINE AVENUE, TRUCKEE**

Dear Ms. Tanner:

As part of an initiative by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to ensure compliance at government-owned and/or operated underground storage tank (UST) facilities in California, the State Water Board staff inspected the UST at your facility on August 17, 2017, pursuant to authority under Health and Safety Code (H&SC), chapter 6.7, section 25289.

The State Water Board has identified the following violations pursuant to H&SC, chapter 6.7, and California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 23, chapter 16:

No.	Violation	Tank	Start Date	Stop Date	Regulation
1	<b>Failure to Maintain Tank Information (B Form)</b> – The tank information form in CERS incorrectly lists the piping information and does not list a form of corrosion protection.	1	August 17, 2017	Ongoing	23 CCR 2711(a)
2	<b>Failure to Maintain Monitoring Plan</b> – The monitoring plan in CERS must be updated to list “yes” for designated operator (DO) training.	1	August 17, 2017	Ongoing	23 CCR 2711(a)(9)
3	<b>Failure to Tag Monitoring Equipment</b> – The automatic tank gauge (ATG) did not have a current certification tag at the time of inspection. Documentation showing a current tag affixed to the ATG was submitted on August 30, 2017.	1	August 17, 2017	August 30, 2017	23 CCR 2638(f)

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4	<b>Failure to Maintain Spill Containment Requirements</b> – The spill bucket contained one half gallon of liquid preventing its ability to hold five gallons. The liquid was removed at the time of inspection.	1	August 17, 2017	August 17, 2017	23 CCR 2635(b)(1)
5	<b>Failure to Meet DO Inspection Requirements</b> – Each monthly DO report since September 1, 2016, lists the incorrect date for the secondary containment testing.	1	September 1, 2016	Ongoing	23 CCR 2715(c)
6	<b>Failure to Maintain Plot Plan/Site Map</b> – The site map does not accurately show the underground piping (vent line, supply line, and return line) from the UST to the day tank and from the day tank to the emergency generator.	1	August 17, 2017	Ongoing	23 CCR 2711(a)(8)
7	<b>Failure to Maintain Monitoring or Maintenance Records Onsite</b> – The records for the November 19, 2014 annular sensor failure, replacement, and retest were not onsite at the time of inspection.	1	August 17, 2017	Ongoing	H&SC 25293; 23 CCR 2712(b)
8	<b>Failure to Maintain Overfill Prevention</b> – The overfill mechanism being used is an alarm only; this does not meet the requirements for a direct bury construction. The options are to install a fill tube shut-off device or have a ball float and an alarm.	1	August 17, 2017	Ongoing	H&SC 25291(c); 23 CCR 2635(b)(2)
9	<b>Failure to Install Secondary Containment Piping</b> – The single-walled steel piping from the day tank to the emergency generator does not meet the safe suction exemption requirements because the below-grade piping is not sloped so that the contents of the pipe will drain back into the storage tank if the suction is released. This portion of underground piping must have approved secondary containment piping installed.	1	August 17, 2017	Ongoing	23 CCR 2636(c)
10	<b>Failure to Monitor Product Piping</b> – The underground piping from the day tank to the emergency generator is not being continuously monitored.	1	August 17, 2017	Ongoing	23 CCR 2630(d), 2636(f)

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11	<b>Failure to Maintain Primary Containment</b> – One cup of red dye diesel was observed in the bottom of the piping sump at the time of inspection. This was also documented in a monitoring certification conducted on November 10, 2016, where a service technician removed one cup of diesel. This leak must be corrected.	1	August 17, 2017	Ongoing	H&SC 25291(a)(1)

**You are directed to correct the ongoing violations and submit compliance documentation to the State Water Board and Nevada County Environmental Health Department within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter. Have your DO make specific notations in the next monthly DO report indicating the ongoing violations have been corrected. The monthly DO report and any associated photos must be submitted as proof of compliance.**

Please send all compliance documentation to the following:

**State Water Board**

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State Water Resources Control Board  
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Pursuant to Health and Safety Code, chapter 6.7, section 25299, the owner and operator of the tank(s) are liable for a penalty of \$500 to \$5,000 per tank, per day of violation. These penalties will continue to accrue until the violations have been corrected.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 341-5551, or by email at [amantha.henkel@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:amantha.henkel@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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